

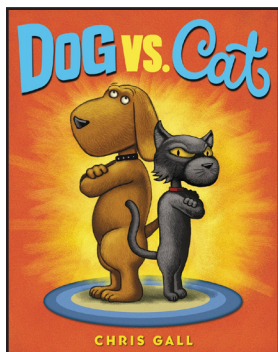


CRUCHLEY'S COLLECTION

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DOG VS. CAT



Mr. Button buys a dog; Mrs. Button buys a cat. The two have conflicting habits and fight constantly until their owners bring home - a baby. The problem is solved when the cat and dog reconcile and build a home for themselves in the backyard.

Chris Gall, Little Brown, ©2014,
978-0-316-23801-4

EXTREME WRITING

A springboard from a picture book to personal writing should provide at least three topics if possible. Here are some ideas:

1. Disputes you have had, and how they worked out.
2. Adventures with best friends.
3. The adventures of any pet you have had.

NAME THAT DOG

Show students how ubiquitous dog characters are in popular culture and have fun as they try to “name that dog.” See the following page for some possibilities.

- Key: 1. Snoopy. 2. Clifford. 3. Pongo. 4. Odie.
5. Brian. 6. Lady. 7. Underdog. 8. Pluto.
9. Nana. 10. Goofy. 11. Tramp.
12. Huckleberry Hound

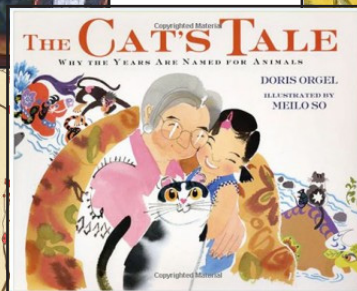
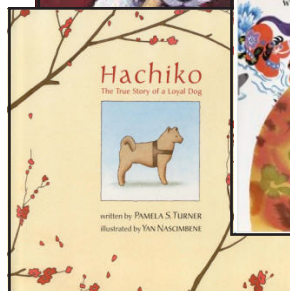
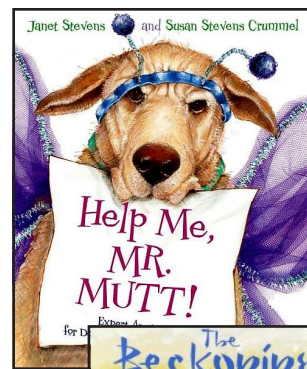
USEFUL DOG BREEDS - VOCABULARY

Many dogs have been bred to provide a specific type of assistance to their owners. Students might enjoy learning about them and their function as part of vocabulary development. Students first study the dog's image and the function it performs. Then, ask the to match the dog cards with the “job” card in teams. You can even have them use a timer to see how fast they can do it.

MORE DOG AND CAT STORIES

I have also written teaching ideas for several other picture books with dogs, or cats, as a major character. These books have many more teaching ideas that would also be suitable for *Dog vs. Cat*. You can find them on dianacruchley.com as well.

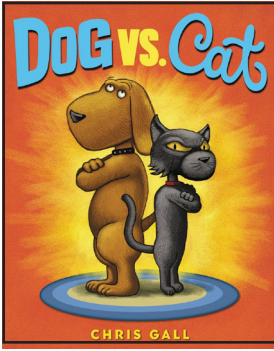
- *Dear Mrs. LaRue*
- *Detective LaRue*
- *Help Me Mr. Mutt*
- *Hachiko*
- *The Beckoning Cat*
- *The Cat's Tale*



DOG SONGS

It's kind of fun to have theme music for the book.
(* means my favourites.) Try:

1. *How Much Is That Doggie In the Window?**
2. *Walkin' the Dog**
3. *Who Let the Dogs Out?*
4. *Hound Dog* (Elvis)
5. *My Dog and Me* (John Hiatt)
6. *Love Me, Love My Dog* (Peter Shelley)



DOG VS. CAT, CONT.

LISTEN TO DOG VS CAT

As students listen to you read the story and show it on a document projector, they can complete a listening/ observing chart. There are 6 possible characteristics of each of them, as well as at least 3 events in their “war” on each other to record.

DOG	CAT
1. Messy 2. Licks you 3. Chases his tail 4. Friendly - all day 5. Sniffs 6. Bathroom outside	1. Neat, fastidious, clean 2. Gives you mice 3. Does quiet things 4. Alert at night 5. Claws 6. Uses a litter box
WAR	
1. Sticks balloons on the cat 2. Pours water on the cat 3. Sprinkles catnip on pillows	1. Bad breath 2. Pops balloons to scare dog 3. Hairballs 4. Silent dog whistle to make dog howl

RAPID RESEARCH

The genetic expression of dogs is very adaptable or malleable. Cats (or cows or horses) simply do not have the variation in size, function, colour, hair, etc. that dogs have. There are 300 to 400 different breeds of dogs, all of the same species (*canis familiaris*) which means that they can all breed together.

Some inquiry questions students might come up with are:

1. Why is it possible to breed so many types of dogs?
2. How did the first wolves become dogs and when?
3. What makes a dog loveable and our best friend?
4. They say dogs are pack animals. What does that mean? What is the behaviour of a pack animal?
5. Should we invest as much time, energy, and money, in dogs as we do?

Then students could work in groups, each studying a single dog in that group:

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Hunting - Gun dog | 5. Guard Dog |
| 2. Hunting - Scent dog | 6. Herding dog |
| 3. Hunting - Sight dog | 7. Spitz dog - closest to a wolf |
| 4. Toy dog | 8. Dog history |

See the attached list of possible dogs to research.

IF YOUR FRIENDS ACTED LIKE YOUR DOG AND CAT

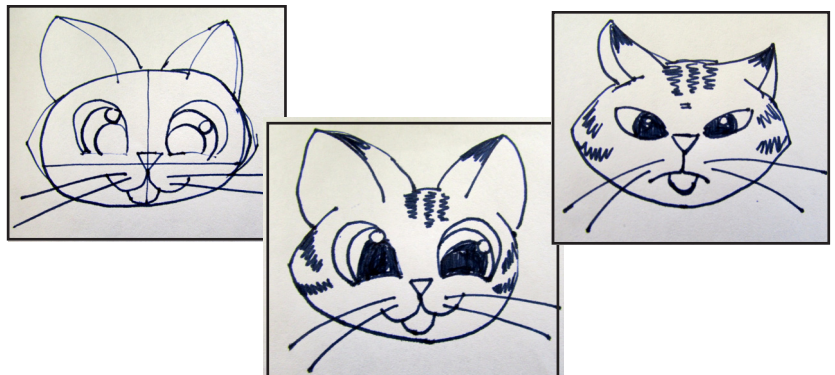
There is a terrific YouTube using two human actors who are acting like the disdainful cat or the needy dog. Lots of fun. Talk about what characteristics of these animals the YouTube is making fun of....and incidentally also making fun of us for loving them anyway.

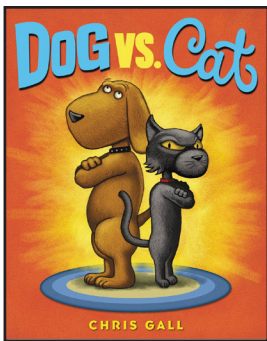
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbycvPwr1Wg>

DRAWING THE DOG OR THE CAT

Using quick cartoon drawings of a cat and a dog - maybe only the head - students illustrate a dog vs cat story of their own. Students can see that just by squinting the eyes, and making the “smile” mouth fold down (and perhaps making the ears a little more pointed), the cat, for example can look angry.

Search for *How to Draw a Cute Puppy Face* and *How to Draw a Cute Cat Face*.





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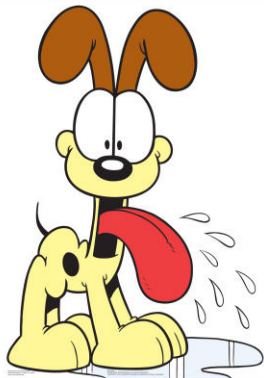
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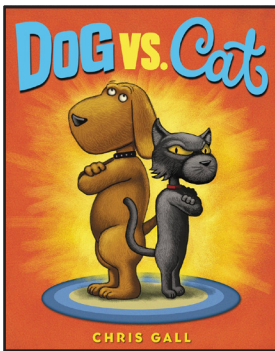
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DOG VS. CAT, CONT.

DOG CATEGORIES - BY PURPOSE

HUNTING - GUN DOGS



1. Retriever
2. Settle
3. Spaniel
4. Pointer
5. Poodle
6. Terrier

HUNTING - SCENT DOGS



1. Foxhound
2. Bassett
3. Beagle
4. Dachshund
5. Harrier
6. Beagle
7. Bloodhound

SPITZ DOGS - CLOSEST TO A WOLF



1. Eskimo Dog
2. Akita
3. Samoyed
4. Siberian Husky
5. Chow Chow

TOY DOGS



1. Toy poodle
2. Pug
3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. King Charles Spaniel
5. Shih Tzu
6. Bichon Frise
7. Pomeranian
8. Pekinese
9. Chihuahua

GUARD DOGS



1. Shar Pei
2. Boston Terrier
3. Boxer
4. Bulldog
5. Mastiff
6. St. Bernard
7. Rottweiler

HUNTING - SIGHT DOGS



1. Afghan
2. Borzoi
3. Greyhound
4. Wolfhound
5. Whippet
6. Saluki

HERDING DOGS



1. German Shepherd
2. Border Collie
3. Sheepdog
4. Corgi